GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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EXPORT OF SEA FOOD
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

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(a) whether shrimp, prawn, fish and their products are having huge demand in foreign countries; (

(b) if so, the amount of foreign exchange being earned annually from export of these products; (

(c) whether Coastal Regulation Zone Act is restricting the further growth in shrimp exports; and (

(d) if so, the steps being taken by the Government to overcome such situation and to further improve shrimp cultivation and exports?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. Value of exports of these products during the last two years were as follows:

(Value in Million US Dollars)

Items	1998-99	1999-2000
Frozen Shrimp	800.22	847.07
Frozen Fin fish	118.43	124.87
Frozen Cuttlefish	65.39	66.51
Frozen Squid	64.34	68.97
Others	58.53	81.67
Total	1106.91	1189.09

(Source : MPEDA)
(c) & (d) : The implementation of Coastal Regulation Zone Notifications issued under theEnvironment (Protection) Act, 1986 and Environment (Protection)Rules 1986 is restrictingdevelopment of shrimp farming in the coastal Saline land. Government has set up an Aquaculture Authority, which is issuing licenses to existing as well as new aquaculture farms. Government are also promoting the development of sustainable aquaculture outside the Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) and encouraging the farms in the CRZ area to adopt improved technology as per the guidelines issued by the Authority.